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Chris Bernstein is Weekly Photographer of the Year Again



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Longtime *Duxbury Clipper* photographer Chris Bernstein for the second straight year has been named New England Press Assn. Weekly Photographer of the Year.

Bernstein captured a total of 7 awards this year in award ceremonies last Friday at the Boston Marriott Hotel. The contest winners were announced to newspaper publishers, editors, staff and guests at the awards banquet. The contest is the largest regional competition in the nation representing more than 200 newspapers throughout New England with 4,379 entries.

Three of Bernstein's awards came from coverage of the memorial service for State Trooper Mark Charbonnier, who was shot to death after stopping a driver on Route 3 in Kingston in 1994.

In addition to the top award, Bernstein won in categories for personality photographs, pictorial photographs, and general news photograph.

Bernstein's dramatic photo of the relief on the face of a young Duxbury mother hugging her young son following a housefire which appeared in the *Clipper* last fall is typical of the work which has highlighted his career.

He has won many prizes and received accolades at area art and trade shows. His work has appeared in *Life* Magazine, *Rolling Stone* and other national publications in addition to the *Clipper* and the *Mariner* publications.

Duxbury Clipper Editor and Publisher John Cutler said this week in remarking on Bernstein's back to back awards as New England Weekly Newspaper Photographer of the Year: "Chris has a flair for and is fearless in seizing the dramatic moment. He can visualize the scene he hopes to capture and uses skill and imagination to achieve it. He captures the essence of a situation and the soul of his subjects."